

April 24, 2019

Joshua Mahoney,
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order for Hathaway, LLC, Kern-Tulare Water District, and Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company

Dear Mr. Mahoney,

Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company (JRMWC) expresses its support for the adoption of the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (Order) that regulates the Produced Wastewater Reclamation Project for Hathaway, LLC, Kern-Tulare Water District, and Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water Company.

Blended produced wastewater used for irrigation in the area has been providing tangible benefits to both the energy and agricultural industries for over 40 years. The Kern County region has experienced increased water supply uncertainty caused by severe water shortages and an over-drafted groundwater basin. This reliable source of water continues to be an innovative solution to supplement the water supply that supports farming operations in Kern County and contributes towards the region's efforts of groundwater sustainability.

In addition to the long-term beneficial use of blended produced water, the tentative Order stipulates important safeguards that will help assure existing groundwater quality is not negatively impacted, that the parameters of the Food Safety Expert Panel are met, and that environmental safety continues to be maintained.

JRMWC appreciates the opportunity to express support of this valuable project and urges the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to adopt the tentative Order.

Sincerely,



Gary Stiefvater
Jasmin Ranchos Mutual Water District